(2) The number of such persons nominated for both the Houses.

(3) If there is no sufficient representation of this class in either of the two Assemblies, is it possible to nominate members ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT.—

A.—14. Representative Assembly:—

(1) One and eleven, respectively.

(2) One and nil, respectively.

(3) There is sufficient representation of the communities and there is no necessity for nomination.

Legislative Council:—(1) and (2) nil; (3) No.

BY MR. HANUMANTHA GOWDA (Tumkur Taluk).—

Q.—15. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What is the total amount set apart for the Medical Department from general revenue ?

(*b*) What portion of that amount is spent on the hospitals located at Mysore and Bangalore Cities ?

(*c*) How does the balance of the budget grant work per head of population?

(*d*) What steps are taken to increase medical facilities in villages?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—15. (*a*) and (*b*) The total budget grant of the Medical Department for the year 1926-27 is Rs. 10,33,600.

Bangalore.	Rs.
(1) Victoria Hospital	1,43,800
(2) Minto Ophthalmic Hospital ..	46,900
(3) Maternity Hospital	33,700
(4) Mental Hospital	40,900
(5) Leper Asylum	5,600
(6) Epidemic Diseases Hospital ..	8,000
(7) Branch Dispensaries	15,360
Total ..	2,94,260

Mysore.	Rs.
(1) Krishnarajendra Hospital ..	1,29,800
(2) Vani Vilas Hospital	22,800
(3) Princess Krishnajammanni Sanatorium	18,200
(4) Epidemic Diseases Hospitals ..	8,000
(5) Branch Dispensaries	15,873
Total ..	1,94,673
Grand Total ..	4,88,933

that is, about 47 per cent of the total grants is allotted for the institutions in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore. With the exception of Branch Dispensaries and Epidemic Diseases Hospitals, all others are special institutions maintained for the benefit of the population of the whole State.

Population of the State (1921 Census) excluding the population of the two cities is 5,657,445.

(*c*) Balance of budget grant for 1926-27 is Rs. 5,44,667. This works out to Re. 0-1-6½ per head.

(*d*) By opening about 8 new dispensaries (3 for the Maidan and 5 for the Malnad parts of the State) each year, offering facilities for Medical Practitioners to settle down in rural areas and by arranging for weekly or biweekly visits by Sub-Assistant Surgeons to important or unhealthy villages and requiring Medical officers and subordinates to pay frequent visits to places within their jurisdiction whenever any illness is found to prevail to an abnormal extent.

By Mr. B. Hanumantha Gowda (Tumkur Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) How long has the Railway Cess been levied in the Tumkur District?

(2) What is the total realisations therefrom up to date?

(3) Where is the amount deposited and is any interest realised?

(4) Have any new railway lines been surveyed?

(5) If so, when will the work be commenced and what is the estimated cost?

(6) How long will the Railway Cess be levied?

(7) Is it possible to stop the levy of the cess, if the work of opening railway lines is not likely to be taken up shortly?